

January 25, 2012

Dear Sirs,

I am writing you today because my husband and I own 200 acres in Dimock and Springville township. We are in the 9 square mile moratorium. We feel that it is our right to profit from the gas under our farm like all the other people outside the moratorium in Pennsylvania. As you know the litigants against Cabot, the DEP and the EPA are currently holding this up.

It will be 2 years in April. It is not fair! We are being punished. You have know idea of how depressed some of us have been. It has not been easy, with so much in the news and papers. We want the moratorium lifted.

I lived just 3 miles away on a farm in Springville, as a child. My husband lived almost all of his life, right here on our farm. The prior drilling in the area has done so much good for our local economy and so many of the farmers that were barely hanging on, it has been a huge benefit to our county. We have new businesses and many employed families because of it.

We all know about the methane, its been here forever, as well as salt. We have Salt Springs state park just up the road.

Locals also know the litigants and what they are capable of. There were rumors going around way back in the beginning when Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy well blew up. I know that you can't go by rumors but I want you to know that people in the community don't have too much good to say about the litigants, we all are sick and tired of their poor me story but they won't help themselves, they just keep making life miserable for the rest of us.

Some of the other litigants, I think are just ring leaders with a higher agenda. They are anti drillers. Totally against the drilling industry and are loving all the publicity they get. They trespass on private property to make videos and who knows what they are capable of. They have ruined the image of our small, quaint farming community. I am sick of all the nonsense. If they were really concerned about

their quality of water then why wouldn't they take the treatment system?

And if Dimock is such a wasteland then why didn't they take the money offered and run??? I have no use for these people.

The rest of the community is portrayed as being "mean spirited" because we don't feel bad for the litigants. Well the truth is.. Nobody wants bad water!! We want them to have good water. But they refuse any help they have been offered from Cabot. That is why we can't feel sorry for them. You can't help those that won't help themselves.

We also don't know how the whole 9 square mile block came about, you would think it would be a circle.

So I would like you to put yourself in my shoes; owning 200 acres of leased ground. With 4 wells on the books, on hold. We have four children. Two have gone through school and are paying loans back. One stopped going to college because he can't afford it and another that would love to go but she can't afford to go. We could use that money in our pocket for school loans, etc. just like all of our neighbors living outside the box. How would you feel about it if you were in our situation??

Please do something to get the moratorium lifted.

Thoroughly frustrated landowner,

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Department of Environmental Protection
Governor Tom Corbett
Senator Lisa Baker
Senator Gene Yaw
Representative Sandra Major
Representative Tina Pickett
Congressman Tom Marino

P.S. An acknowledgment of receiving this letter would be nice.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - DIMOCK RESIDENTS

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January 24, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

Enclosed, for your consideration, please find original signed statements from residents of Dimock and surrounding townships.

We are extremely frustrated with the actions of your Philadelphia Regional Office. We are being treated as expendable in a continuing effort by just 11 landowners to make financial claims against Cabot Oil and Gas. These claims have already been rebuffed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Commonwealth's Environmental Hearing Board after three full years of data gathering. Now, just as we thought the worst was over, your agency inserts itself into the matter at the request, not of the Commonwealth or the community, but trial lawyers, giving further credence to the baseless claims of their clients.

The facts are simple. Cabot and our DEP entered into an agreement to resolve outstanding issues regarding some of its early wells. Cabot met these terms and DEP, therefore, released Cabot from its obligations to deliver water to affected homeowners. These homeowners have been offered both treatment systems and financial settlements, which several accepted and are pleased with. Water tests indicate the treatment systems work and the Philadelphia Regional Office acknowledged there was no safety hazard as recently as a few weeks ago. However, the litigants are now complaining their wells have been affected by other contaminants. They have obtained legal counsel, hosted activist film-maker Josh Fox and have continually advanced a false-narrative through activists and the media while refusing any, and all, assistance offered by Cabot and DEP, as well as participation in the national water study your agency is conducting. They have also failed to allow regular testing and monitoring of their water supplies, although such tests as have been allowed reveal no case where your primary drinking water standards are not met.

The Philadelphia Regional Office's action in enabling this litigation threatens our livelihoods and is destroying our community reputation. Worse, EPA is relying upon hyped-up allegations regarding arsenic, manganese and sodium, all of which are known to be naturally occurring in our water supplies in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Even more outrageous is the twisting of EPA's Superfund authority, intended to help clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites, into a weapon for use by trial lawyers in bludgeoning Cabot for what is a non-issue. These actions are an assault on our property rights and basic freedoms. We urge you to rein in this rogue Regional Office.

Respectfully submitted,
The Residents of Dimock

Att: Petition to the United States Environmental Protection Agency
cc: The Honorable Michael Krancer, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
The Honorable Pat Toomey, United States Senator
The Honorable Bob Casey, United States Senator
The Honorable Tom Marino, United States Congress
The Honorable Tom Corbett, Governor, Pennsylvania
The Honorable Michael Krancer, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

COMMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

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